

1 Please amend the specification at page 1, line 8, as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

2 This is a continuation-in-part application of Petitioner's earlier application
3 Serial No. 10/621,738 filed July 17, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,843,002 B1, entitled
4 "A BLADE ATTACHMENT FOR AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE".

5 Please amend the specification at page 9, line 22, as follows:

6 An electric winch 144 including a fractional horsepower electric motor 146,
7 driven by the vehicle electrical system, and a winch drum 148 is secured to plate 114,
8 as seen in the drawings. A skid plate 150 is positioned below the winch 144 for
9 protecting the winch 144 from damage. Winch drum 146 has a few wraps of winch
10 cable 152 extending therearound to define cable portions 154 and 156. The cable
11 portions 154 and 156 of winch cable 152 extend forwardly from drum 146 through
12 ~~slot 158~~ slot 157 formed in plate 114 and are crossed, as seen in Figure 7. The
13 cable portions 154 and 156 extend around a portion of the arcuate periphery 70 of
14 mid-plate 58 between plates 56 and 60. The ends of cable portions 154 and 156
15 have eyes 158 and 160 attached thereto, respectively, as seen in Figure 7. Eyes
16 158 and 160 are connected together by spring 162 which is positioned forwardly of
17 forward end 72 of plate 58 and within cutout area 66 of plate 58. Spring 162
18 maintains cable portions 154 and 156 in yieldably frictional engagement with plate 58
19 and drum 146 so that movement of the cable portions 154 and 156 by the electric
20 motor 146 will cause plate 58 to rotate about bolt 32. Since plates 56, 58 and 60 are
21 welded together, rotation of plate 58 will cause plates 56 and 60 to also rotate.

1 Rotation of plate 60 will cause hinge plate 40 to pivot about bolt 32 due to the engagement of lip 80 with the forward end of hinge plate 40.

Please amend the specification at page 6, lines 20 and 21, as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

5 With respect to the embodiment of Figures 1-9, the numeral 10 refers generally to an off-road vehicle such as an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), which may be 2-wheel drive or 4-wheel drive. ATV 10 includes a forward end 12, rearward end 14, a ~~left side~~ right side 16, and a ~~right side~~ left side 18. The blade attachment of this invention is referred to generally by the reference numeral 20. Attachment 20 includes a push tube assembly 22 comprising push tubes 24, 26 which have their rearward ends pivotally secured to the frame of the ATV by a pin or pins (not shown) in conventional fashion. Support plate 28 is welded or otherwise secured to the forward ends of push tubes 24, 26 and has its forward end 30 positioned forwardly of the forward ends of push tubes 24, 26. Threaded bolt or stud 32 extends upwardly from the forward end of plate 28, as seen in Figure 2. Plate 28 has a longitudinally extending blade position lever slot or opening 34 formed therein forwardly of the rearward end thereof. Plate 28 also has an opening 36 formed therein rearwardly of slot 34 which is adapted to receive bolt 38 extending upwardly therethrough which is adapted to threadably receive nut 130.